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SUBJ: 55TH ECOSOC - ITEM 8, OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR
DEVELOPMENT UNDP

REF: (A) GENEVA 4065 (B) GENEVA 3630

1. IN COURSE INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH SPONSOR DRAFT
RESOLUTION (TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTEL A) NETHERLANDS AGREED
ACCEPT FOLLOWING CHANGES PROPOSED BY USDEL.

(A) IN PREAMBULAR PARA 4 REPLACE QUOTE GROWTH TARGET
OF 9.5 PERCENT PER ANNUM FOR AVAILABLE RESOURCES UNQUOTE
WITH QUOTE DESIRABLE RATE OF GROWTH UNQUOTE.

(B) IN OPERATIVE PARA 3 REPLACE QUOTE AND THE EXPECTED
DEFICIT OF OVER \$80 MILLION AS AGAINST COMMITMENTS AT THE
END OF 1976 UNQUOTE BY QUOTE WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN A SUB-
STANTIAL ANTICIPATED DEFICIT UNQUOTE.

2. WHILE ADVISING DUTCH DEL THAT ACCEPTANCE ABOVE
CHANGES MAKES RESOLUTION MORE ACCEPTABLE TO US AND
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MIGHT PERMIT OUR JOINING CONSENSUS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

USDEL EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR SIMPLE COUNCIL DECISION NOTING UNDP REPORTS. WE ADVISED DUTCH WE IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER LIKE-MINDED DELS WHO SHARE OUR CONCERN THAT ADOPTION OF SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS ON UNDP REPORTS IN ECOSOC MAY STIMULATE MOVES TO BYPASS UNDP GC AND TO INTERFERE WITH AUTHORITY OF GOVERNING COUNCIL.

3. WITH REGARD TO OPERATIVE PARA 5 DUTCH DEL OFFERED EXPLANATION TO COMMITTEE THAT PARAGRAPH NOT DIRECTED AT DONORS "WHO HAVE BEEN MAKING SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDP FOR YEARS" AND NOT ASKING THEM FOR LARGE PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. PROVISION TARGETED TOWARD THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE STARTED FROM RELATIVELY SMALL BASE AND WHO SHOULD INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS DRAMATICALLY IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGE CHANGES.

4. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY USDEL WILL WORK FOR ADOPTION SIMPLE DECISION BY COMMITTEE BUT WILL NOT OPPOSE NOR RESERVE ON RESOLUTION IF THERE APPEARS TO BE STRONG CONSENSUS IN ITS FAVOR.

NATURALLY, OUR APPROACH TO RESOLUTION WILL CHANGE IF DUTCH UNABLE TO RESIST SUCCESSFULLY PROPOSALS FOR REVISION OF TEXT WHICH THEY NOW DISCUSSING WITH COUNTRIES MENTIONED PARA 2 REF (A).

5. GENERAL DEBATE THIS AGENDA ITEM COMPLETED A.M. AUGUST 2 AND WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON UNDP AND UNICEF (REF B) MAY COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION AT NIGHT MEETING OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SCHEDULED AGUST 3.

6. SUBSEQUENT DEBATE THIS AGENDA ITEM COMPLETED A.M. AUGUST 2 AND WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON UNDP AND UNICEF (REF B) MAY COMEUP FOR CONSIDERATION AT NIGHT MEETING OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SCHEDULED AUGUST 3.

6. SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFTING ABOVE USDEL LEARNED FROM DUTCH AND SWEDES TOEY REMAIN ADAMANT ON PURSUING DRAFT RESOLUTION
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APPROACH AND FROM YUGOSLAVS THAT IF RESOLUTION PRESSED THEY WILL INTRODUCE AMENDMENT TO CHANGE 9.6 PERCENT REFERENCE TO 15 PERCENT. DUTCH, SWEDES HAVE TOLD US IF THIS HAPPENS OR OTHER CONTROVERSIAL AMENDMENTS ARE INTRODUCED FROM FLOOR THEY WILL WITHDRAW DRAFT RESOLUTION AND ACCEPT SIMPLE NOTE-TAKING DECISION BY COMMITTEE.BASSIN

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